

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-42 are pending in the application and claims 1, 9, 29 and 40 are independent. Claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 13, 20, 21, 27, 29, 33 and 34 have been amended and claims 23, 24, 26 and 35 have been canceled. Claims 37-42 have been added. In light of the above amendments, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

**Interview Summary**

The interview was initiated by Andrew Kasnevich (Reg. No. 59,436) ("Applicants' Representative") and conducted telephonically with Examiner Hoang on October 31, 2008. The following summary of the substance of the interview is intended to ensure a complete recordation.

*1) Brief description of nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted*  
Not applicable.

*2) Identification of the claims discussed*  
Claim 1 was discussed.

*3) Identification of specific prior art discussed*  
U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0027527.

*4) Identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed*

Applicants' Representative proposed various amendments to claim 1, including the "multiple signing" and "reconstruction" discussed in paragraph [0032] of the specification, "retrospective reconstruction" discussed in paragraph [0045], and the "audit memory" discussed in paragraph [0047].

*5) Brief identification of the principal arguments presented to the Examiner*  
Applicants' Representative and the Examiner discussed the interpretation of claim 1 and the subject matter of paragraphs [0032], [0045], and [0047] of the specification.

*6) General indication of any other pertinent matters discussed*  
Not applicable.

*7) General results or outcome of the interview*  
No agreement on specific claim language was reached.

**REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 - *KHIDEKEL***

The Examiner rejects claims 1-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0027527 ("*Khidekel*"). Applicants submit that the rejections of claims 23, 24, 26 and 35 are moot to due their cancelation and respectfully traverse the remaining rejections.

For reasons discussed during the Examiner interview, Applicants respectfully submit that *Khidekel* cannot anticipate the amended claims 1, 9 and 29 and request that their rejections be withdrawn. Applicants further submit that the rejections of claims 2-8, 10-22, 25, 27-34 and 36 should also be withdrawn, at least by virtue of their dependency upon claims 1, 9 and 29.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the pending claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

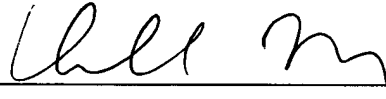
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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